

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following new heading after the title ending on line 4 of page 1:

**Field of the Invention**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a parquet ~~strip, strip in accordance with the preamble of claim 1,~~ the use thereof for manufacturing a panel or parquet ~~element in accordance with the preamble of claim 3,~~ element, a parquet element manufactured using a parquet strip of this type, and type in accordance with claim 4 as well as a method of manufacturing a parquet strip in accordance with claim 5.~~strip.~~

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 8 of page 1:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 24 of page 1:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 2 of page 3:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please add the following new heading after the paragraph ending on line 10 of page 3:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case of the subject matter of the present invention the impregnating material is applied to the individual strips 2 such that both at the long sides 4 and 6 and at the narrow sides 8 and 10 the impregnation is applied at least onto a part of the elevation of the faces defined there. Hence in a later compound either of individually laid strips 2 in accordance with Fig. 1 to obtain a parquetry floor or when arranging the individual strips 2a, 2b, 2c, ...

according to Fig. 2 for forming a prefab parquet element (parquet element 14) not only the cross joints 28 at the long sides 4 and 6 of the individual strips 2a, 2b, 2c,... but also the cross joints 30 at the narrow sides of abutting strips 2a, 2b, 2c,... are provided with an impregnation at least over a partial area of their respective elevation. Moreover both the faces 24 and 26 at the long sides 4' and 6' of the parquet element 14 and the narrow sides 8' and 10' of the entire parquet element 14 are provided with an impregnation. The groove and tongue connection of parquet elements 14 adjacent at the long sides 4' and 6' as well as the abutting narrow sides 8' and 10' of parquet elements 14 adjacent in the longitudinal direction and moreover the cross joints ~~80~~ joints 28 and 30 of the individual strips 2a, 2b, 2c,... in the parquet element 14 are thus resistant to penetrating moisture.